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AGREEMENT IN CHUNGKING Re-Constitution Of National Assembly Agreed

Membership Now To Be 2,050

CHUNGKING, JAN. 31. AN AGREEMENT ON THE MAJOR POLITICAL PROBLEM BEFORE THE POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE — MEMBERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY — WAS ANNOUNCED TONIGHT.

THE ACCORD BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE ISSUE WHICH HAS BEEN OF MOMENTOUS IMPORTANCE IN THE PROLONGED INTER-PARTY NEGOTIATIONS BROKE A DEADLOCK WHICH HAS PERSISTED FOR DAYS IN THE CONFERENCE. THE SOLUTION OF THE STALEMATE HAS BEEN A STEP OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO THE WHOLE COUNTRY.

The standing committee of the Kuomintang has approved all the proposals reached by the conference.

Under the sub-committee agreement, the National Assembly will consist of 2,050 members, with the sole task of adoption of the draft constitution which will be revised by the 35-member all-party and non-partisan commission.

The assembly is scheduled to meet on May 5.

Under the agreement, the Assembly will include 900 members, chosen before the war, of whom the Government says 60 per cent. are Kuomintang Party members. (Other groups claim the percentage is higher).

Four hundred and fifty seats will be filled by elections, including 150 apportioned to Manchuria and Formosa.

The remaining 700 are to be filled by nominations, apportioned as follows: Kuomintang 220; Communists 190; Democratic League 120; Youth Party 100; non-partisan 70.

IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS

(By Doon Campbell).

CHUNGKING, JAN. 31. AFTER A FORTNIGHT'S BARGAINING, THE KUOMINTANG (GOVERNMENT PARTY) AND THE COMMUNISTS HAVE GIVEN WAY ON CERTAIN POINTS, MODIFIED THEIR DEMANDS AND ADOPTED A MORE CONCILIATORY APPROACH TO THE POST-WAR PROBLEMS FACING THEM. THIS HAS GIVEN A NEW PROMISE OF THE EVENTUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRACY IN CHINA.

THE INTER-PARTY POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL IS READY TO WIND UP AS SOON AS THE LAST SUB-COMMITTEE WORKS OUT THE DISTRIBUTION OF MEMBERS TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH ON MAY 5 WILL ADOPT THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

Inter-party negotiations on the allocation of Ministries with, and without portfolios, in the Executive Yuan (Cabinet) of the re-organised government will continue after dissolution of the Political Consultative Council.

Here are a few of the big concessions emerging from the talks: Although Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will be the unchallenged Head of State, he will have less authority as President by the Kuomintang's withdrawal of his emergency powers.

Half the councillorships in the State Council, which will be the highest governmental organ, will go to the minority parties and non-partisans.

SUCCESS FACTORS

The Communists have agreed to reduce their armed forces to

CANTON STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE

Canton, Jan. 31. Students of San Yatsen University demonstrated yesterday against continuance of American troops in China, against British administration of Hong Kong, and against the living allowance granted to them.

The students are trying to get university authorities to supply them with food instead of the \$2,500 (C.N.) monthly allowance which they say is barely enough for two meals a day, by current living cost standards. The students virtually have no money.

Atom Bomb Era Warship

Washington, Jan. 31. The super-battleship "Kentucky" now being built may be the first American dreadnaught built to fit atomic bomb era specifications.

Commander Frank Nash told the House Naval Committee today there would be a review of the design of the 45,000-ton warship after the results of the atomic bomb tests this spring had been assessed. Among other things the Navy wants to see the damage done to the super-structure of warships.

New York Representative Cole criticised the Navy for agreeing to scrap 37 ships under construction. — Associated Press.

NATIONALISING COAL INDUSTRY

LONDON, JAN. 31. THE CONSERVATIVE AMENDMENT, REJECTING THE GOVERNMENT'S BILL TO NATIONALISE THE COAL INDUSTRY, WAS DEFEATED BY 359 TO 182 VOTES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TONIGHT AND THE BILL WAS READ A SECOND TIME WITHOUT DIVISION.

IT WILL NOW BE DEBATED IN DETAIL BY A SMALL ALL-PARTY COMMITTEE AND THEN GO TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, winding up the debate said that the Conservatives had no real and practicable alternative to what the Government was aiming at.

Private enterprise could not provide capital for the reorganisation of the industry without the help of the State.

"If the State is going to be behind it to provide guarantees, I say, let it own the show," Mr. Morrison added.

Mr. Richard MacMillan, chief Conservative speaker to-day, urged that this state monopoly should be subjected to a strong independent review which ought to have been included in the terms of the bill.

He asked what would be the future of trade unions under nationalisation.

It seemed that they would become either masters or servants of the State and either was equally bad.

MAGIC WORD

Major Lloyd George, Liberal and former Minister of Fuel and Power, who has been taking an independent line from the Liberal Party in recent months, said that the Government's coal nationalisation bill would not get much coal.

Resuming the debate, he said: "I have always felt that too much stress is laid on ownership and too little on reorganisation. 'Nationalisation' is a magic word. Thousands believe that the cure for the situation is in that word."

"The miners would get a new boss but I am not sure from 'the miners' point of view that it is a good swap."

He said that he assumed the miners would receive the same lamp from the same mine, descend the same cage, reach the same road and presumably see the same expression on the face of the pony (laughter). — Reuters.

GOING AHEAD

Jerusalem, Jan. 31. General Sir Alan Cunningham, Palestine High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief, yesterday told the Palestine Arab Higher Committee that the British Government had decided to allow fifteen hundred Jews to enter Palestine each month, pending the completion of the Anglo-American Commission of Enquiry. — Reuters.

SOVIET ATTITUDE ENDORSED

LONDON, JAN. 31. THE UNITED NATIONS DECISION ON THE PERSIAN QUESTION MEANS THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS RECOGNISED THE BASIC CORRECTNESS OF THE ATTITUDE TAKEN BY THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH CONTENDED THAT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ITSELF AND PERSIA IS BETTER FOR DIRECT NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, STATES WORKER" (TO-DAY).

Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, who seemed bent on provoking trouble had the wisdom at the last moment to withdraw from an untenable position, adds the paper.

"Thus the attempt to elevate these differences into a major conflict, necessitating Security Council action, has failed."

The discussions had at least helped to reveal the undemocratic state of affairs in Persia and the fact that the Soviet Union cannot be brow-beaten when vital principles are at stake.

"Having disposed of the Persian question, the Security Council will now be able to turn its attention to Greece and Indonesia."

The situation in both countries is extremely serious and the case made out by the Soviet Union and Ukraine must be given urgent consideration. — Reuters.

Room For Give And Take

The Yugoslav was informed in London by Admiral Wilhelm Canaris, Chief of the German Navy, that the German Navy was prepared to give and take.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF PROMOTED

IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT REAR-ADMIRAL SIR CECIL HAR-COURT, K.C.B., C.B.E. HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF VICE-ADMIRAL, WITH EFFECT FROM TO-DAY.

A young and vigorous man still, Vice-Admiral Harcourt is one of the Royal Naval College as a Cadet in 1904, working his way up to Commander in 1926.

Between then and 1933, when he was promoted to Captain, he received the command of various ships. For two years he was on loan to the Royal Australian Navy and commanded H.M. Australian fleet of destroyers.

In 1937 he returned to the Admiralty Operations Division as Deputy Director and as Director until 1941.

For these services he was awarded the C.B.E. in 1941.

As Captain of the "Duke of York" he took Mr. Churchill to America to confer with President Roosevelt directly after Pearl Harbor. He then took the "Duke of York" on convoy work taking supplies to Russia and was promoted to Rear-Admiral in July, 1942. He then commanded the 10th, 12th and 15th Cruiser Squadrons, taking part in the landings in North Africa, for which he was awarded the U.S. Legion of Merit.

Later he was awarded the C.B. (Commander of the Bath) in the Tunisian campaign. In January, 1944, he was appointed Naval Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty and in March, 1945, joined the British Pacific Fleet in command of the 11th aircraft Carrier Squadron and was in command of the Task Group which entered and re-occupied Hong Kong in 1945, flying his flag in H.M.S. "Indomitable". He received the K.C.B. "for services in Europe" towards the end of last year.

Nothing Cheap And Squalid

London, Jan. 31. Houses will be going up this year in very great numbers, the Health Minister, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, told the National Federation of building trades employers today.

"I am anxious that we shall not try to solve the housing problem by lowering building standards by driving down prices," he said. "It would be lamentable if we allowed ourselves in this emergency to be driven into building cheap and squalid houses that would haunt us for the rest of our lives." — Reuters.

FIGHTING WAY TO SURRENDER

Peking, Jan. 30. A battalion of some 1,200 Japanese troops were reported today to-day to be cutting their way through Chinese Communist forces in an effort to reach Tsinan to surrender to Central Government troops.

Members of a "truce team" said they were told the Japanese commander promised to surrender to Gen. Li Tsung-shen, the Government commander in North China, but refused to turn over his troops' arms to the Communists.

Authorities sent instructions to the battalion not to move, pending clarification from the executive headquarters at Peking. — Associated Press.

Diphtheria Outbreak Aboard Convoy

SINGAPORE, JAN. 31. AN R.A.F. SUNDERLAND FLYING BOAT FROM SELE-TAR YESTERDAY PUT DOWN IN A HEAVY SWELL 270 MILES OUT IN THE OPEN SEA BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND JAVA TO BRING MEDICAL AID TO SICK SOLDIERS IN A TROOP CONVOY.

THREE TANK LANDING CRAFT, LADEN WITH SOLDIERS AND ESCORTED BY A FRIGATE, H.M.S. LOCK KILLFORD, WERE BOUND FOR SINGAPORE FROM JAVA, WHEN ONE OF THE PASSENGERS FELL ILL WITH DIPHTHERIA.

The frigate, radioed for assistance and a naval vessel was sent out with a doctor on board. Before this vessel could reach the convoy, two other men fell ill and another radio call, appealing for help to be flown out, was received. Lieutenant Beazley, R.N., carried to Selat Airfield and put on board a Sunderland flying boat, which arrived at the frigate's hull but without doing any real damage.

Next problem was to get the doctor to the frigate, and Flight Lieutenant Brown, the frigate's doctor, was sent to the frigate from the frigate, along with the doctor, who had to be carried to the frigate by a small boat.

The frigate was able to land the doctor and the doctor was able to treat the patients.

CASE FOR R.A.F. STRIKERS

LONDON, JAN. 31. COMMENTING ON THE STRIKE OF R.A.F. PERSONNEL IN INDIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST, THE "DAILY MAIL" TO-DAY SAYS: "THESE MEN APPROACH THE BOUNDARY OF MUTINY WITH WHAT APPEARS TO THEM TO BE A GOOD CAUSE."

"WHY ARE THEY DOING IT? THERE ARE FOUR MAIN FACTORS WHICH IN THE MINDS OF THE AIRMEN HAVE FORCED THEM TO SUCH UNWISE ACTION:

"One—they are dissatisfied with the way the Air Ministry is operating the release scheme. Thousands of airmen are being held back just because they are dental assistants, physical instructors, fitters, equipment assistants, clerks and cooks, some of which trades only require four weeks of training, which many hundreds of new entrants could have passed long ago."

"Two—the airmen are frankly sceptical when the Air Ministry states that lack of transport is the cause of the delayed demobilisation."

"Men in the Middle East have been on the spot to witness transport misuse."

"Three—men of the ground staff feel very bitter when they have to help planes take off or unload very important persons and be told that they cannot return to England for their release because of the shortage of passenger carrying planes."

"Four—that in the Royal Air Force the age plus service principle of release has been betrayed."

"Releases in the Army are based on that principle; in the Air Force age and length of service are not determinant factors."

"Prime Minister Attlee must explain the position, promise to remove all legitimate grievances, undertake to see that there are no unnecessary delays in demobilisation and guarantee that no man due for release is retarded." — Reuters.

R.A.F. STRIKE CALLED OFF

New Delhi, Jan. 31. The strike by R.A.F. personnel at Cawnpore has been called off by its leaders pending consideration by higher authorities of their demands which have been sent home.

Eight hundred and fifty R.A.F. men at Lahore also returned to work. — Associated Press.

Lord Louis Due In Colony To-day

ADMIRAL LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN IS ARRIVING TO-DAY TO VISIT THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND TO CONSULT WITH HIM ON ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS. HE WILL STAY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Enquiries have been received as to exactly what responsibility Admiral Mountbatten has towards this Colony. In order to clarify the position, the facts are set forth below.

While the Commander-in-Chief, Hong Kong, is in command of the Military and Royal Air Force personnel in the Colony, SACSEA is responsible for their supplies and administration in a similar way that the Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet, is responsible for the supplies and administration of the Naval personnel here. SACSEA is also responsible for the Civil Affairs supplies. Priorities for Hong Kong have to be considered in conjunction with supplies for areas in South East Asia Command.

PEAK TRAM STRIKE

THE PEAK TRAM SERVICE WAS SUSPENDED YESTERDAY FOLLOWING A STRIKE OF TRAMWAY EMPLOYEES WHEN DEMANDS FOR A REVISION OF WORKING CONDITIONS AND PAYMENT OF A VICTORY BONUS AS PAID BY OTHER PUBLIC UTILITY CONCERNS WERE NOT MET.

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The Kuriles

The line of a conflict in interpretation of the Yalta arrangement under which the Soviet Union has occupied the Kurile Islands may give a false impression. Mr. Dean Acheson's expressed opinion that the occupation represents but a temporary phase has been sharply taken up in Moscow and it seems to be no doubt that an early statement by Mr. Byrnes, the U.S. Secretary of State that Mr. Acheson is in error. Mr. Byrnes has disclosed that the Russian occupation was in conformity with a decision reached in the Crimea Conference, and added that it should not be difficult to adjust the Russian and American positions. It seems more than likely, therefore, that a plan has already been evolved under which Russia will retain control of the Kuriles, probably through annexation. The important thing to be remembered, perhaps, is that the Kuriles belonged to Russia before they belonged to Japan. The name (pronounced Kurilees) is a Russian term for "smoking." Russia ceded the islands to Japan in 1875. For two hundred years before, they had been a hunting ground for Japanese warriors, the quarry being the "barbarians" who inhabited the islands. Incidentally, the only previously known invasion of Japan was made possible by following the line of these islands, when the Ainu used them as stepping-stones into Japan. Their importance today would be negligible, but for the new role of aviation in peace and in war, which has enhanced the value of many Pacific islands, the Kuriles among them. This archipelago, which has often been referred to as "Japan's first line of defence," is also situated in the Pacific area often regarded as the "place of origin" of weather. Those in control of the islands have advance information on the direction and the strength of winds. Except for their strategic importance, there is little in the islands. They are bitterly cold and they are subject to severe earthquakes. Obviously, however, it is their strategic value which looms to the forefront in any discussion regarding their future ownership. Russia's claim, if Japan is to be dispossessed, will not be easy to controvert, and holding them, Russia will simultaneously increase her influence in the Far East, and especially in Japan, on whose very doorstep Russian forces will be able to assemble.

GENERALLY SPEAKING

Chungking, Jan. 31. Information Minister K. C. Wu said today that "generally speaking hostilities have ceased" in North China, then added: "There are some localities where fighting still is in progress, but it is not the Government policy to publicize it." Mr. Wu said, "I can not answer" when asked whether Russians or Chinese were objecting to the entry of American and British newspapermen into Manchuria where Russian and Chinese correspondents are operating in Russian-controlled areas. —Associated Press.

SENTENCE COMMUTED

Chungking, Jan. 31. The death sentence imposed last year on Kao Ping-dang, former chief bureau director of the Ministry of Finance, on an embezzlement charge has been commuted to life imprisonment. It was announced here. —Associated Press.

Wong Kiu-wai, described as a clerk in the office of the Commissioner for Customs and Excise, was charged with the theft of \$10,000 from the Police last evening at 5.10. He was released on bail of HK\$400 and HK\$400. —Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 31. Charles... charged with... —Associated Press.

Student Soldiers Take Over Shanghai

SHANGHAI, JAN. 31. AMERICAN-TRAINED CHINESE STUDENT SOLDIERS HAVE TAKEN OVER THE TASK OF GARRISONING SHANGHAI FOLLOWING THE TRANSFER OF THE NEW 6TH ARMY TO MANCHURIA. THEY BELONG TO THE 207TH DIVISION OF THE YOUTH ARMY, CHINESE ONE AND ONLY STUDENT ARMY—A FORCE COMPOSED ALMOST ENTIRELY OF HAND-PICKED HIGH-SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES AND REPUTED TO BE THE NATION'S SMARTEST AND BEST TRAINED FIGHTING UNIT.

The scholar-soldiers of the local garrison, 10,000 of them, came from Kunning via Kweichow (capital of Kweichow province). Chungsha (battle-scarred capital of Hunan province), and Hankow, complete with their own W.A.A.C.S. In passing through remote rural districts in the course of their long journey to Shanghai, the student-placed posters and made speeches explaining China's gigantic war effort and the tremendous task of reconstruction and rehabilitation now confronting the nation.

They travelled through the hinterland in jeeps and trucks, and completed the last lap of their trip—from Hankow to Shanghai—in steamers. They were almost two months on the way. They made the longest stay in Chungsha, where they spent two weeks doing propaganda work and cheering up the hard-hit populace. They were specially ordered to traverse the provinces of Kweichow, Hunan and Hupoh in order to learn the topographical positions of the various strategic points in west China.

ARMY'S BACKBONE. According to the commander of the Division, Lieutenant-General Lu Yu-lan, the Youth Army is composed chiefly of 100,000 college and high-school students, and was organized early last year, when China was planning a general counter-offensive to drive the Japanese out of the country. The scholars, he said, were mostly recruited in Free China, and received their training in American servicemen in Chungking, a picturesque town west of Kunning. Their training course consisted of engineering, infantry, artillery and mechanized warfare. They are the first army

unit in China which have been thoroughly trained in the handling of American-made weapons. Although without combat experience, there is no doubt that the student soldiers are very highly thought of throughout China.

In an address here General Pui Chung-hsi, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Chinese Army, said that members of the Youth Army would serve as cadet officers when China's conscription system came into force. "They are the backbone of China's new army—the mainstay of China's new national defence," he added. —Reuter.

Democratic League Meeting

About 150 people, including members of the foreign community, in response to an invitation from the China Democratic League, attended a tea party at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday afternoon. Leaders of the League, including Mr. Li Cheung-tat, chairman of the South China Branch, addressed the gathering and gave an outline of the aims of the League which, they said, has now become an important factor in China's struggle for free expression of opinion and the responsibility of every citizen in the rebuilding of a new China along democratic lines were stressed. Some of the guests spoke in support of the League.

The Mrs. Shantung, sailed for Bangkok yesterday, while Esang arrived from Shanghai. To-day, Samsek sailed for Kanchi, Manching for Port Can, and Port Providence for Fremantle. Hickory Crest and Menelaus are due in from Singapore.

Readers' Letters

HEARS NO GRUDGE

Sir,—As a member of H.M. Forces, I have always understood that the N.A.A.F.C.F.I. Services were for Servicemen only and yet on my night of the Peninsula Club bar consuming the Services' measure, spirit ration. The fact that officers are permitted to wear civilian clothes off duty makes it simple for civilians to come and go as they please as there is no check on identity.

So far as I am aware, duty free spirits are not for resale and the general public.

Although I bear no grudge whatever against the civilian population it might be remembered that the Services are not permitted any share of the fresh butter ration which, at the present scale, is far higher than our families are getting in England. Nor can we get fresh milk, in spite of the fact that most of us, like internecine, have also been living almost entirely on tinned food for months before coming to Hong Kong.

I might add that I have the support of many of my brother officers in writing this protest.

AND NOW YOU KNOW

Sir,—To put D.W.'s mind at ease I wish to reassure him that Miss B. Chan is my name, that I am of the weaker sex (born and bred in H.K.) and not an O.V.L. suspect, attired in a peacock green two-piece.

And now, Mr. Editor, my apologies to you for the headaches I caused, and my thanks to those who took up the pen in defence of the "lighter side." Particularly is my feminine egotism touched by Galahad.

Hoping to see you one and all soon.

Defiance.

(Miss) B. CHAN.

[We almost spoil this by guaranteeing Miss Chan's bona fides.—Ed.]

BARNUM WAS WRONG

Sir,—Is it too late for me to enter the arena in the contest versus Frank show. The countless yards of letters, good, bad and indifferent which have appeared in your long suffering columns have left me gasping. Women have swooned—it is the sort of thing they would do any way—and strong men have turned pale in assessing the merits of the aforesaid one-bar one-bell boys.

The most awful experience of a mis-spent life happened to me recently when I listened to "B" grunting and growling his way through "I'm looking for a tight to me that the Old Country has its G. and G. artists. The only difference I see between ours and those of Uncle Sam is that ours use a different brand of the face to G. and G. through. Ring has it reported, made millions of dollars in his efforts to entertain the proletariat. This does not say much for the proletariat, of course, but even democracy has its drawbacks. Also Barnum was wrong. Two are born every minute.

On last word, Sir. Are there any G. and G. boys or girls in Bumstead? If so, have you any idea of the size of their salary. May be the business (if any) is a State monopoly. Or maybe it's a crime. It should be.

And now why not for a change, start a good healthy discussion on the subject of P.O. Box 10000 as a residential district. This used to be interesting.

LESE SAID THE EDITOR

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will put matters right by printing this reply.

Should I have wished to carry out the abduction of a stuffed tiger, the last name that I would have used is that of Lt. Willoughby, who is notorious throughout the British Empire for black market activities in the traffic in wild animals. It is well known that he bought his way out of the Services in order to devote himself entirely to the illegal smuggling of defenceless beasts.

The fact that this tiger has three whiskers on one side of its face and none on the other would obviously render it unsuitable for export. It is my belief that the perpetrators of this outrage may have mistaken the animal for a Piscara Unicorn, or bush reindeer, from which the excellent snake-skin bags are made.

Furthermore, it might perhaps be pertinent to enquire of Lt. Willoughby as to the whereabouts of a not baby octopus, recently removed from H.M.S. Sea Wolf, A. S. Q. CANTWRIGHT.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

Another correspondent. Your letter is extremely interesting, but your name and address, as a mark of good faith, is an essential prerequisite of publication.

RIGHT TO ANSWER

Sir,—So I'm touchy. After reading Hillwood's letter (very carefully this time) I think that he or she has no call to say anybody is touchy.

As a public-spirited citizen you have a malicious pen as your second letter rather takes the point away from the first. I suggest you wrote it for something to do.

You say that you haven't slandered anybody. Well, what do you call writing to the paper about an incident that the police were present at, unless you think them incompetent.

As a serviceman I think I have a right to answer through the columns which this paper graciously permits for the purpose of people to air their views on things without being censored. As I have been in question affects me, I have no police present then I would have included your letter. As it is I think it was pointless and does nothing to help the relations between servicemen and civilians.

Thanks, Ed., for the correction as to the whereabouts of Hillwood. Read also for publishing my first letter.

A ROYAL MARINE COMMANDO.

CONFISCATION ORDER

Cigarettes and exes to the value of \$3,800 were ordered to be confiscated by Mr. C. Y. Kwan on behalf of the accused.

Kowloon Cat Burglar Sent To Goal

Lau Kau, unemployed, who frequented the Tsimshatsui district every night and committed a series of successful petty thefts, was sentenced by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday to three years hard labour.

On Jan. 24, Lau burgled No. 102 Austin Road, first floor, and got away with a bed cover and a cotton quilt cover. Encouraged by his success, Lau visited No. 87 Nathan Road, first floor, in the early hours of Jan. 26 and stole an overcoat, a felt hat, a knife, wrist watch, seven pieces of clothing, three spoons, eight

ARMED ROBBER'S EXCUSE REJECTED

THE CLAIM THAT HE WAS DOING HIS DUTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN A RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENT BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN ATTEMPTING TO BRING AN OFFENDER AGAINST THE LAW TO JUSTICE WAS MADE BY LO ON, AN UNEMPLOYED, WHO DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS AN EX-SOLDIER OF THE CHINESE ARMY, AT THE GENERAL MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY.

LO ON WAS CHARGED WITH ARMED ROBBERY, TOGETHER WITH TWO OTHER MEN DRESSED IN CHINESE ARMY UNIFORM, AT NO. 386 PORTLAND STREET, GROUND FLOOR, ON JAN. 2, AND WITH ROBBERING HONG MAN OF \$120, PANG PUI OF \$20 AND A GOLD-PLATED POCKET WATCH, YUEN HO OF \$58 AND HUNG FAT OF \$300.

Members of the Court were Mr. Leg d'Almada (President), Capt. J. M. Brown and Capt. L. E. Begg. Mr. F. X. d'Almada, assisted by Det. Sub-Ins. T. Byrne, prosecuted.

Accused, who pleaded not guilty, was unanimously found guilty by the Court and was sentenced to four years imprisonment with hard labour.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada told the Court that the accused, who was an ex-Chinese Army man, and two other persons in Chinese Army uniform entered the premises at No. 386, Portland Street on Jan. 2 at about 6 p.m. The premises were used as a gambling den.

The two members of the Chinese Army produced revolvers and held up the inmates. Accused then removed money and valuables from the people and also a certain amount of money from the tables. The body was wrapped up in a newspaper and one of the men in the premises, Hong Man, was instructed to follow accused and the other two men with the parcel of loot. Hong was released at Prince Edward Road, near the Kowloon railway.

DISARMED BY A.C. In the meantime Pang Pui, another of those robbed, contacted the police. Later in Nathan Road near the Nathan Hotel Pang saw accused and one of the men in uniform on a bicycle. The alarm was raised and accused and the Chinese soldier ran into the Wo Ping Restaurant, at 317, Nathan Road.

With the help of two members of the R.A.F. Chinese detective Mak Shing-fai entered the restaurant and—Aircraftman A. H. Brierley disarmed the Chinese soldier. The accused produced a gold-plated pocket watch which was promptly recognised by Pang as his.

At that time, went on Mr. d'Almada, Lt.-Col. Cheng To-pun, of the Chinese Army, happened to be on the scene. Sub-Ins. Byrne, who had arrived, gave Col. Cheng a full account of the facts. Col. Cheng then handed over the gun of the soldier to Insp. Byrne. On the following day, Jan. 3, the two Chinese soldiers were handed over to the Chinese authorities to be dealt with.

Accused said that he had no evidence to give, but would address the Court. He said that some of his friends had been cheated at gambling and had lost some money. Accused quoted a remark by the Chinese soldier, who was promptly recognised by Pang as his.

At the Summary Military Court yesterday when a travelling trader Cheng Ming-wah, was charged with possession of dutiable cigarettes and unlawful export of 27,400 cigarettes on Jan. 27.

Mr. Smith, public prosecutor, asked for a heavy penalty. It was alleged that accused concealed the cigarettes under several baskets of eggs.

Accused was cautioned and discharged.

NO EVIDENCE OFFERED

A charge against Mok Sai-yi of robbery at Burd Street on Dec. 14 last year was withdrawn by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday at the request of Detective Sub-Inspector Mackenzie as the prosecution offered no evidence against the accused.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared on behalf of the accused.

Stone-Throwing Incident

For throwing stones at a sentry on duty at Canton Road near the N.A.A.F.I. Godown on Jan. 28, two Chinese youths were summoned before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday.

Lau Ming, 17, caught in the act by Indian soldiers, was fined \$15 or one week's hard labour. Ma Tek Cheung, 16, was found not guilty and discharged.

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NOTICE

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Dated the 1st day of February 1946.

Sd. A.S.K. Lau & Co.

HONG KONG SERVICES RACE CLUB

RACE MEETING

SUNDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1946.

Cash Sweepstake Tickets for the above Meeting are now available, and may be obtained at the Offices of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Exchange Building, first floor, at a cost of \$10.

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treasurers for the Meeting.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the practice of Chartered Accountants carried on by the undersigned under the firm name of Percy Smith, Beth & Fleming, will, as from the date of this notice, be carried on under the firm name of PERCY SMITH & C., at Windsor House, Victoria, Hong Kong.

(Sd.) B. Hampden Ross,

A.C.A., F.A.A.

(Sd.) D. Black, C.A.

1st February, 1946.

Gun Wrapped In Felt Hat

An unemployed Chinese, Lau Fat, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday with unlawful possession of a 32 automatic pistol at an unnumbered hut in Wang Hang Village, Shaikwan, on Jan. 28. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Detective Sub-Inspector Brooks said that on information received together with a party of Chinese detectives, he entered the accused's hut at about 6 a.m. on Jan. 28. Defendant was detained on suspicion of being in possession of arms, and brought to the Police Station. He told the Police that he would send for a chairman living in the same hut. Accused told the chairman that an automatic pistol was hidden among grass about 15 feet from the hut.

The Police found the weapon inside a tin wrapped up with a felt hat. Defendant stated that the gun was given to him by a friend as security for a loan of \$30.

According to the Police armourer the gun was serviceable but had not been used for several months.

Accused said that he was not aware of the local regulations, as it was not necessary to have a licence for arms in Wai-chow.

Sentence of two years' hard labour was imposed.

Stone-Throwing Incident

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BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, (HONG KONG.)

POLICE & PRISON BOARD

PRINTING & PUBLICATIONS LICENCE

Ordinance No. 15 of 1927

No person is permitted to carry on the business of a Printer or Publisher as defined in the above Ordinance unless he is licensed to do so.

Applications for licences must be made to the Commissioner of Police without delay.

Former licences should accompany applications.

C. H. SANSOM, Colonel C.A. (Police).

Hong Kong, 29th January, 1946.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that all powers of attorney in effect December 28th, 1941, for the Colony of Hong Kong and its Dependencies have been revoked and are considered null and void.

Notice is further given that Mr. Roy R. Pearson and Mr. Edgar L. Hesser are now appointed under powers of attorney from our Head Office.

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wishes to advise its offices are now located in the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building.

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League, Alexandra Building, first floor, between the hours
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PULITZER PRIZE WINNER GIVES HIS "BESTS"

Relief For Indians In Malaya

Singapore, Jan. 30. The Indian Government has appointed a panel of Indian lawyers to defend Indians in the Malay States charged by the British Military Administration with collaborating with the Japanese. It was announced by the India Government representative S. K. Chatur at a press conference yesterday. They will leave for Malaya shortly. Chatur added that he was returning to India to complete arrangements for their defense and also to make an urgent report on the conditions of Indian labourers in Malaya where, he revealed, a medical party will arrive shortly with supplies and personnel under Lieutenant-Colonel Sawari for relief work. Chatur repeated that he had been misinterpreted in his public speech and refuted accusations that he was under-estimating the misery of his countrymen and women in Malaya. "A violent agitation is being conducted here with a view to urging my government to recall me," he said. But he added that as a result of his description of the plight of distressed Indian labourers out of work in Malaya and the greater plight of the families of men who died on the infamous Siam death railway, many public spirited people and institutions of south India had collected clothes and parcels which he expected in Malaya soon.—Associated Press.

Sugar Treaty

Washington, Jan. 30. The proposed treaty extending the international sugar agreement for one year from August 31, 1945, was made public in the Senate yesterday. The agreement to extend the terms of the 1937 treaty was signed in London by representatives of the United States and 17 other nations. Under its terms export quotas remain suspended and signatories declare that revision of the original agreement "is necessary and should be undertaken as soon as the time appears opportune." In the revision "due account shall be taken of any general principles of commodity policy embodied in any agreement concluded under the auspices of the United Nations." The countries participating are the United States, Union of South Africa, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, United Kingdom, Haiti, the Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Russia, the Philippines, Yugoslavia and France.—Associated Press.

SINKING INFILTRATION

Chungking, Jan. 31. Fragmentary but trustworthy reports reaching here from Sinkiang indicated that by steady infiltration dissident elements have secured control of one-third of that hinterland. It was reported earlier that the garrison at Sinkiang was being reinforced slowly.—Associated Press.

THE END OF A WORLD WAR HAS BROUGHT TO HONG KONG MANY A DISTINGUISHED JOURNALIST AND WAR CORRESPONDENT ON A TOUR OF THE NEWLY-LIBERATED AREAS, BUT FEW OF THEM AS WIDELY-TRAVELLED AS HAL BOYLE, OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. HAL ESTIMATES A TOTAL MILEAGE TO DATE OF 50,000 BY AIR, 50,000 BY JEEP AND 25,000 BY SEA. HE COVERED THE INVASION OF MOROCCO, TUNISIA, SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY AND THE WHOLE OF THE WESTERN FRONT, OFFENSIVE UP TO PRAGUE.

On top of all this, he won the much-coveted Pulitzer Prize for distinguished foreign correspondence last year. A travelogue Associated Press correspondent on his third visit here since the liberation, Hal Boyle started as a copy boy at the Kansas City Bureau of A.P. at 17. Hal is still scratching his head over this latest laurel, to be thrown at him. It was preceded in the previous year by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce electing him as one of year's 10 outstanding young Americans.

Before that, Hal affirms, "the only person who thought very highly of me was my mother." In October, 1942, he was night city editor at the Associated Press Bureau in New York, after several years with A. P. in Kansas City and St. Louis. In the same month, he was sent to London as A.P. war correspondent and from there to Morocco, where he began the series of dispatches from the front that culminated in the Pulitzer Prize award.

"HONEST HAL" His war adventures were various and manifold. The "Reader's Digest" told recently how, during North African campaign, he arrived with the first troops in a town on the line of advance. The women bordered on the enthusiastic.

Getting into the spirit of the occasion, Boyle started chanting to the Arabs: "Vote for Boyle, son of the soil; honest Hal, the Arab's pal." The Arabs thought it sounded good and picked it up. When the vanguard of the advancing United States forces rumbled into the town, they were greeted by an unending Arab chant. The Arabs thought it a new angle in Arab electioneering. Hal did not stay long enough, however, to become a Sheikh.

With a toga of journalistic eminence draped about his shoulders, Hal Boyle has lately shown signs of developing into a philosopher. His philosophy is, however, tinged with a humour that knows no boundary.

BASIC SIMILARITY "I have no desire," Hal says, "to study budgets or the methods of governments and administrations. I am more interested in meeting people and their problems. In travelling around the world I have reached the conclusion that there exists a basic similarity between people everywhere. People have a tendency to condemn their neighbours for faults that they exhibit themselves.

"Most of the trouble in this world originates from a big mouth, lack of understanding and failure to have a sense of humour

Army Takes Over

Santiago, Chile, Jan. 31. The Government to-day took steps to assure the continuance of public services during the threatened nationwide strike.

The Minister of the Interior, Admiral Ballech, said communications and supply lines will be kept open, and it was expected the army would run the lines and possibly take over street railways, light, power and water companies.

Three hundred thousand members of the Chilean Workers Federation are threatening to strike protesting against the bloody police and labour clash on Jan. 29 during which Government forces were killed but federation leaders asserted that six and possibly eight of the workers were slain.—Associated Press.

OUTNUMBERED THEIR CAPTORS

Manila, Jan. 31. Colonel Yoshio Nakajima to-day testified at Lieut.-General MacArthur's hearing before the Military Commission that the Filipino and American forces who surrendered in 1943 were outnumbered by the Japanese who proper care of them was impossible. Nakajima also said that Count Junichi Terauchi, Supreme Commander of the Japanese southern army, arrived in New 20, 1941, ordered that the Japanese forces in the Philippines be "assimilated" into the Philippines.—Associated Press.

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as applied to oneself. To me people are more interesting than governments, because governments are moved by red tape and people by emotion.

Hal Boyle covered the whole of the Western Front offensive from the landings in Normandy up to the entry into Prague. On the Elbe, he was with the first American troops to link up with the Russian advance and the meeting was marked by four staggering parties in one week. There was so much vodka, Hal says, that it was generally considered unwise to strike a match.

BIGGEST AND BEST The party on the banks of the Elbe, Hal says, was the biggest and best he ever attended. He is fond of recounting his best and worst. Here are some others:

The best meal he ever had—In Bangkok when the Thai Government threw a Chinese dinner. There were eleven courses from birds' nests to birds' while the Thai and Chinese were engaged in a battle royal with no lack of firearms in the streets outside.

The worst meal—a continuation of meals over 2½ years—Army O Rations.

The worst liquor—in Naples. "It was so bad that even the Italian children refused to wash their feet in the bath-tubs in which it was made."

The prettiest girls—in Czechoslovakia. The best Pin-Up Girls—in Hall. "If they had worn sweaters they would have also made the best sweater-girls."

HEARTS OF GOLD! The kindest-hearted people—the Australians. "They still like American troops after having had them for three years."

The laziest place in the world—Singapore. "It seemed to me that everyone had just raised prices and gone off for a siesta."

The most important thing in the last 50 years—the atomic bomb. "It has given people something else beside the weather to talk about."

Biggest disappointment—Macao. "It was not nearly as sinful as I expected to find it."

Hal Boyle finds Hong Kong the most badly administered colony he has ever visited. However, he claims that the Colony harbours the most persistent pickpockets. On a recent walk from a money-exchanger's shop back to his hotel he counted four separate attempts to burgle his bankroll.

He said the Hawaii Importing Company's advertisement "silk on parade" and similar advertisements had been investigated by naval intelligence prior to the Pearl Harbor attack but no indication was found that they bore code representations for Japanese agents.

Vice-Admiral William Smith, Chief of Staff for Admiral Halsey, said that at the time of the attack, he told the Committee that Zacharias' story of predicting the attack was "clairvoyance operating in reverse."

He said he remembered the talk Zacharias had with Kimmel early in 1941 and he was "absolutely positive" nothing was said about a possible attack on Pearl Harbor, about its coming on a Sunday or about sabotage.

Zacharias testified earlier he had predicted to Kimmel in March 1941 that if the Japanese decided on war they would open with just such an attack as they made on Dec. 7.—Associated Press.

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BRIDGE NOTES

South could have made his contract in 40-day's hand by means of an intricate trump squeeze coupled with some good guessing, but he found it much easier to execute a simple swindle:

S. A K J 5
H. 8 4
D. K 8 3
C. K J 9 4
S. Q 10 9 4
H. 9 7 8
D. A
C. A 9 7 6 3
S. 8 7 3
H. A Q J 10 6 2
D. Q 7 5 2
C. —

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass Pass 10. Pass
1H. Pass 16. Pass
3H. Pass 3NT. Pass
4H. Pass Pass Pass

West opened the Jack of diamonds, and South properly played low from the dummy. It was obvious that West didn't have the diamond Ace, and South saw no reason to waste his chance to win a trick with dummy's diamond King. East took the diamond Ace and returned a low trump, East winning the finesse with the heart King.

West returned the ten of diamonds, and once more a low card was played from the dummy. South's careful diamond play was rewarded when East ruffed; for now South had no further diamond losers. East thought for a while and then returned his last trump. South winning with the Ace.

Reserving the intricate squeeze in case the swindle failed, South made his try for the hand by leading over to the diamond King and returning a low club. What was East to do? If he ducked and allowed South to make a possible singleton Queen, he would feel very foolish. But he felt even more foolish when he put up the club Ace, allowing South to ruff and claim the rest of the tricks. South had simply acted on the principle that it's much simpler to put the opponents to the guess than to do the guessing yourself.

QUESTION

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

S. 9 7 3 2
H. A 10 5
D. A Q J 9 6
C. 4

The bidding:
Schenck Jacoby Burnstone You
1 S 2 H 2 S (7)

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow).

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG.

Supply, Transport & Industry Branch.

NOTICE

"Requirements for Motor Fishing Vessels and other ex-Admiralty Harbour Craft."

Endeavours are being made to obtain motor fishing vessels and harbour craft, ex-Admiralty, of various types. It is desired to co-ordinate the requirements for these as soon as possible. It is hoped that craft may be obtained at reasonable prices. Enquiries for these should be addressed to the Harbour Master as soon as possible in order that an estimate may be made of total requirements in this respect.

A. BURGESS,
Colonel, (R.A.)
Supply, Transport & Industry.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG.

POLICE AND PRISONS BRANCH

NOTICE

In view of the approaching Chinese New Year, it is hereby notified that the Chief Civil Affairs Officer has given permission for fireworks, not being unlawful fireworks, to be kindled, discharged or let off within the Colony within the times set out below:

From 4 p.m. Friday, 1st of February, 1946

to 4 p.m. Monday, 3rd of February, 1946

and

From 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Friday, 8th of February, 1946 (i.e. the seventh day of the New Year)

subject to the exceptions, prohibitions and restrictions set out hereunder:

(1) No burning firework or other fire shall be thrown above the head, or near any person or inflammable material, and every reasonable precaution must be taken against accident.

(2) The kindling, discharge or letting off of fireworks in or in the vicinity of places of Christian Worship during Divine Service is prohibited.

(3) The firing of Bombs, "Electric" crackers and "Golden Coin" crackers is strictly prohibited.

Occupiers of premises are warned as to their liability under the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1932, in particular in respect of any unlawful firing or throwing of fireworks at, on or from their premises.

C. H. SANSOM,
Commissioner of Police

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For Singapore

Singapore, Jan. 31.
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D.F.C., has been appointed
commanding officer of the base
Squad.

Group Captain Beamish is one
of four brothers all of whom have
served in the R.A.F. All were
well known rugby players at
home and he himself was an
Irish international from 1933 to
1937.

At the outbreak of war he was
in command of 23 Fighter Squad-
ron and became one of the first
night fighter pilots. For his work
against the German night raiders
he was awarded the D.F.C.
In May last year, Group Cap-
tain Beamish took over 347 Pho-
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Sections of which are now station-
ed at points all over South-East
Asia.

At Selat, he succeeded Group
Captain Geoffrey Francis, D.S.O.,
D.F.C., who flew the first Sunder-
land flying boat to re-enter Singa-
pore after the Japanese surren-
dered. Group Captain Francis, who
is returning to England to take
up a new appointment, has served
eight out of the past ten years
in Singapore, Ceylon, Malaya,
Fevet, Greece, Crete and in the
South West Pacific.

LOUIS PLANS TRAINING

Indianapolis, Jan. 31.
Joe Louis told reporters here
he would begin preliminary train-
ing at French Lick, Ind., on
March 1 for defense of his world
heavyweight boxing championship
against Billy Conn June 19.—As-
sociated Press.

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(Aldershot eliminated 1-7);
Liverpool 2 Bolton 0 (Liverpool
eliminated 2-5); Manchester
City 2 Bradford 8 (Manchester
eliminated 5-9); Queen's Park
Rangers 4 Southampton 3
(Southampton eliminated 5-3);
Watford 1 Birmingham 1 (Wat-
ford eliminated 1-6); West
Bromwich 1 Derby 3 (West
Bromwich eliminated 1-4); West
Ham 1 Chelsea 0 (West Ham
eliminated 1-2); Wolves 1
Charlton 1 (Wolverhampton eli-
minated 3-6); York 1 Wednes-
day 6 (York eliminated 2-11);
Preston 3 Manchester United 1
(Manchester eliminated 2-3)
(after extra time); Middles-
brough 3 Blackpool 2 (aggre-
gate 5-5, match abandoned ow-
ing to bad light after extra
time had been played).

In the Scottish League Divi-
sion B Cup first round the Dun-
fermline-East Fife match was
postponed owing to weather con-
ditions.

GOULDEN INJURED

Great interest was taken in
the Football Association Cup tie
between West Ham and Chelsea
at Upton Park, where the gates
had to be closed with 35,000 in
the ground half an hour before
the start.

Ten minutes after the game
began, Goulden broke his collar
bone and was taken to hospital.
Hall scored for the home team
(West Ham—just before the in-
terval. Both sides missed second-
half chances and, with no fur-
ther scoring, Chelsea pass into
the next round. Chelsea's de-
fence was sound. The pitch was
difficult.

Liverpool made eight changes
in their game with Bolton. They
tried hard, the Bolton defence
often being under great pres-
sure, but their 2-0 win was not
sufficient.

The Wolves held Charlton to
a draw, but the latter had a
three-goal advantage on the first
game and pass into the fifth
round. York City again went
down badly at home to
Sheffield Wednesday, for whom
Tomlinson scored three suc-
cessive goals.

Queen's Park Rangers again
had a goal to spare over Sou-
thampton, their centre-for-
ward, Addinall, getting the hat-trick
in the first half.

AMATEUR'S FEAT
Watford held Birmingham to
a draw, but the latter had most
of the play.

Derby County repeated their
win over West Bromwich, and
although Doherty was unfit,
their forwards were better to-
gether, Carter being outstand-
ing.

One of the most surprising re-
sults was Bradford's great win
over Manchester City. The ama-
teur international centre-for-
ward, A. H. Gibbons, was in
great form, getting four goals
for the winners.

Extra time was necessary be-
fore Preston got through into
the next round at the expense
of Manchester United, while at
Middlesbrough the teams were
level on aggregate after extra
time when the game had to be
abandoned owing to bad light.
—Reuter.

After Record

Los Angeles, Jan. 31.
The Lockheed jet plane, the
P-80, will go after the world
speed record over the Muroc
lake area in March, army offi-
cials announced. The present
speed record of 606 miles per
hour was established last No-
vember by a British jet plane.
Confident Lockheed officials
pointed out that their P-80
averaged 580 miles per hour on
a recent flight across the Uni-
ted States.—Associated Press.

RUGGER PLAYER TO
RETIRE

Cardiff, Jan. 31.
W. Travers, Newport hooker,
has announced his retirement
from rugby. Travers first played
for Newport in 1935 and suc-
ceeded his father, George Travers,
as Welsh hooker. He toured South
Africa with the British rugby
team in 1938-39 and headed the
team's list of appearances.
Travers definitely states that he
does not intend to play for Wales
or any other team—admitting it was
finished with the rugby football.
Walker, Ross, Welsh secretary,
says: "Officially, we know nothing
about it." —Reuter.

Singapore, Jan. 31.
The Japanese language will be
eliminated from all domestic tele-
graphic traffic in Korea by March
1, said a directive from General
MacArthur's headquarters in
Manila.—Associated Press.

Superman
For Soccer

LONDON, JAN. 31.
The team manager for future
England football sides, who will
tell the men what to eat and drink
and when to sleep and smoke and
decide their entertainment, is to
be appointed as soon as the Foot-
ball Association can find the right
man—which is no easy job.

This man, who will also super-
vise tactics, style, and providing
an adequate supply of kit, will be
the man chiefly responsible for
keeping England's soccer prestige
the highest in the world.

In making this announcement,
the Football Association's memo-
randum says: "The appointment
of such an official who might also
undertake extension of the Foot-
ball Association coaching scheme
would ensure continuity of style
against these continental coun-
tries, who have for some time
adopted such a measure."

This move has met with general
approval in the British press, but
it is stressed that it will be essen-
tial for the manager to have the
selected players in care for at
least four weeks. This, naturally,
is an excellent idea, but what will
the players and League clubs say
to this? There is little doubt of
their firm opposition.—Reuter.

Another Shock
To Pride

Tokyo, Jan. 31.
Physique-minded Japan com-
pared its average male citizen
with the American-born Nisei
soldiers and found the difference
"conspicuous."

"It must come as a revelation
to Japanese people to see Niseis
who are of the same racial stock
as themselves so superior to the
average Japanese in physical
build and bearing," the "Nippon
Times" commented to-day, in
an editorial.

"Difference in physique be-
tween Japanese and Niseis also
suggests that military drills and
regimented calisthenics which
heretofore have been given such
prominence in this country, are
of dubious physical value."—As-
sociated Press.

LEAGUE FUNDS
FOR U.N.O.

LONDON, JAN. 31.
The last United Nations Or-
ganisation committee to start its
work was the one specially ap-
pointed to preside over the trans-
fer of the old League of Nations'
funds to the U.N.O.

Ambassador Erik Colban of
Norway was elected Chairman,
while Sheikh Hafiz Waliba, Ara-
bian Minister to London, was ap-
pointed Vice-Chairman.

The committee will have to
study and recommend adoption of
an agreement with the League of
Nations, whereby the funds would
be transferred to the U.N.O. be-
fore August 1, 1946. A report
of the Control Committee of the
League of Nations, its assets,
including buildings, furniture and
libraries in Geneva totalled more
than 50,000,000 Swiss francs.—
Associated Press.

PIPELINE PROJECT

Haifa, Jan. 31.
The Iraq Petroleum Company is
to construct a 16-inch pipe-line
from Kirkuk (Iraq) to Tripoli,
parallel to the 12-inch line already
in existence, it was announced
yesterday.

The work will begin on this
project as soon as the new pipe-
line from Kirkuk to Haifa, Palestine
is completed.
It is expected that the 530-mile
Kirkuk-Tripoli line will be started
in 1948 and finished in 1949. Its
annual capacity will be 4,000,000
tons.—Reuter.

DESTRUCTION SCANDAL

Washington, Jan. 31.
Representative John Coffee, De-
mocrat of Washington, yesterday
asked the War Department to
investigate reports of Government
property in the Pacific being de-
stroyed rather than returned to
the United States. He said he
had received reports that large
quantities of blankets, trucks,
jeeps and other equipment being
thrown away.—Associated Press.

JAP LANGUAGE TO GO

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graphic traffic in Korea by March
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91 For Grand
National

LONDON, JAN. 31.
Britain's first post-war Grand
National, running at Aintree on
April 6 for the first time since
1940, looks like having the biggest
field that this great steeplechase
has had since 1929 when 99 went
to the post.

This year's race has surpris-
ingly attracted 91 nominations
against the record number of 121
in 1929. Owners evidently believe
that as there has been no chasing
in Aintree for six years when
"Bogsear" won the race, a certain
amount of equality exists with
handicapping, thereby giving their
horses a chance to win this rich
prize.

In 1940 there were only 40 en-
tries. Among this year's entrants
only three have previously tackled
the formidable Aintree obstacles.
They are "Bogsear", Scottish-
trained horse, "MacMoffat", who
was second in both 1939 and 1940,
and "Black Hawk", who fell both
these years.

Five French horses have enter-
ed, including "Kangal", who is the
best chaser in France and winner
of the Grand Steeplechase at
Auteuil. Elre provides the big-
gest entry ever, including the fa-
vourite, "Prince Regent".—Reuter.

CHILEAN CLASH

Santiago, Jan. 31.
Bernardo Azavedo Zuleta, deputy
leader of the Chilean Communist
Party, told Chilean workers yester-
day to prepare for an indefi-
nite strike if the government by
midnight still has not named a
cabinet "suitable to the interests
of labour."

Zuleta spoke in a cemetery
where a huge crowd, including
members of the striking Chilean
Confederation of Labour attended
the burial of six persons who
were killed in a clash with the
police on Monday.—Associated
Press.

SIEGE TO BE LIFTED

Santiago, Chile, Jan. 31.
The Chilean Workers' Federa-
tion called off its nationwide strike
at 6 a.m. to-day. This action was
taken after the Government had
pledged that the state of siege
would be lifted if the Federation
ended its strike and if "the coun-
try's situation is completely nor-
malised by to-day."—Associated
Press.

ISOLATED INCIDENTS

Shanghai, Jan. 31.
Lieut. General Albert C. Wed-
meyer, American Commander in
the China Theatre, declared yester-
day "there have been sporadic
isolated incidents" when he re-
ferred to reports of clashes be-
tween Government and Com-
munist troops. He said the
"cease fire" order in North China
was being gradually implemented
completely.

Wedmeyer also said that ne-
gotiations were under way to sell
China commercial ships but that
none have been given to China.—
Associated Press.

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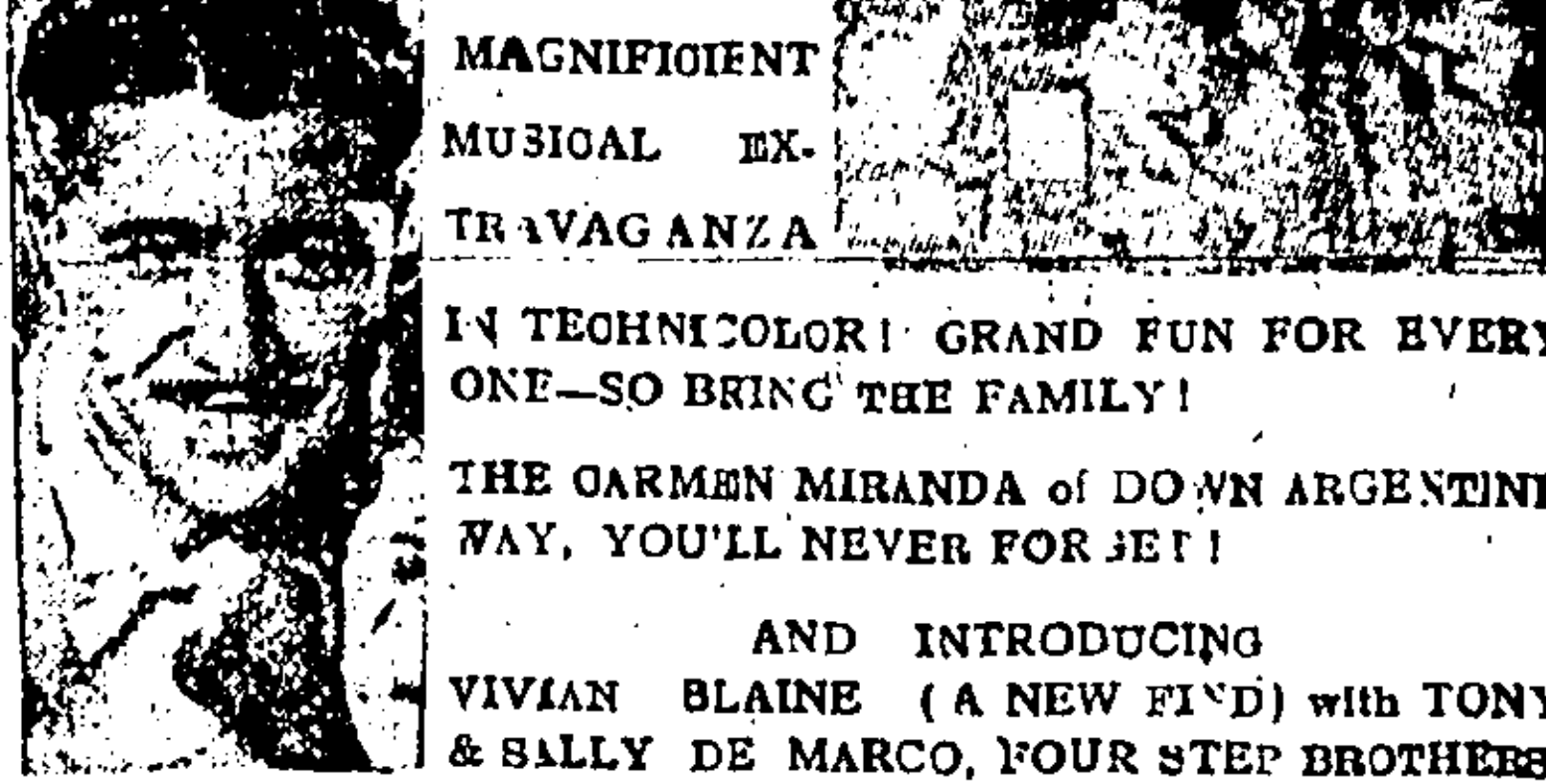
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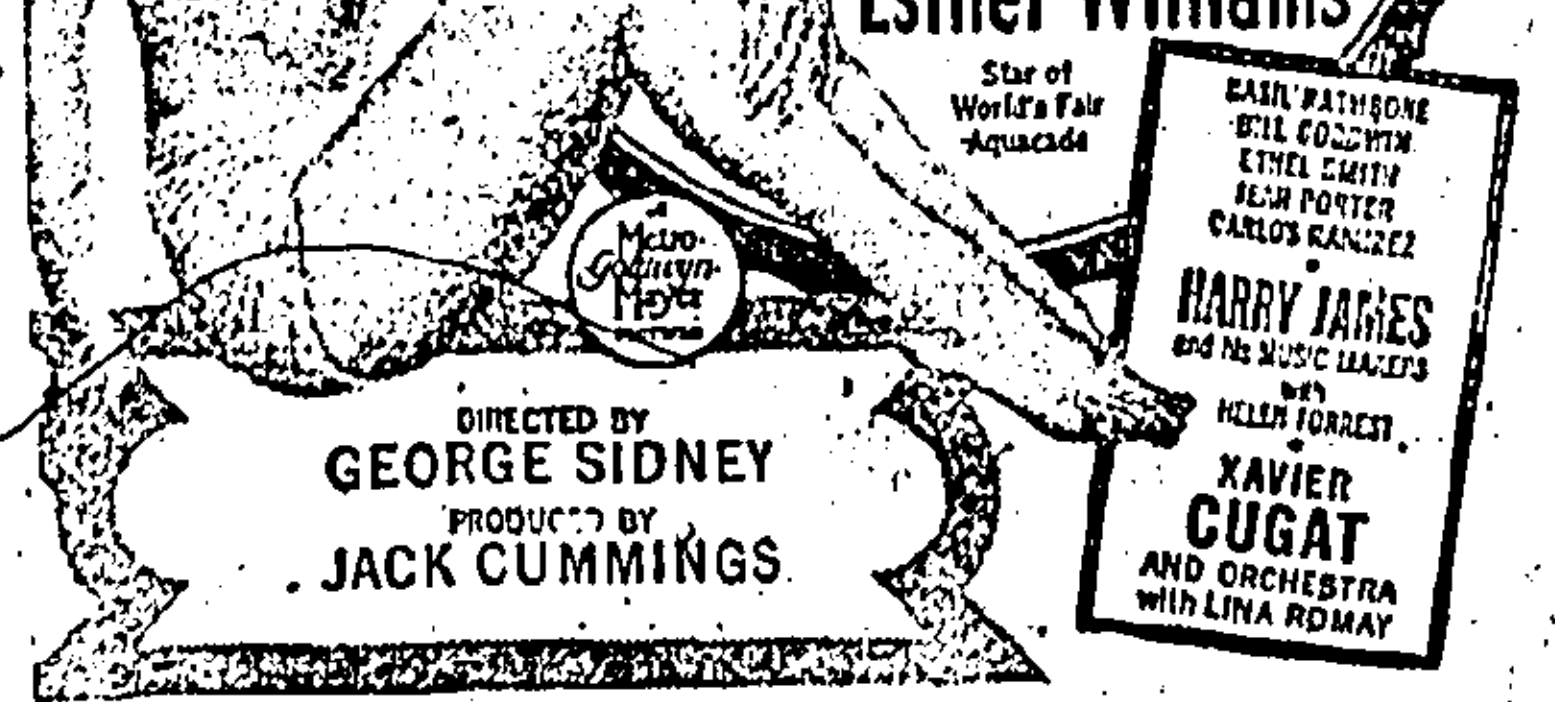
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Mass Awakening To Realities Of Gigantic Task

Passengers Bale Out In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Jan. 31.—FOUR CREW MEMBERS AND EIGHT PASSENGERS PARACHUTED TO-DAY FROM AN ARMY C-40 TRANSPORT WHICH WAS UNABLE TO FIND SHANGHAI'S KANG-WEAN AIRPORT IN THICK WEATHER AND A SEARCH FOR THE MEN WAS CARRIED ON UNSUCCESSFULLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

It was feared they may have bled out over the wide Yangtze River.

It was the third transport lost by the 54th troop carrier group in a week. One crashed into mountain at Nanking, killing four men. Another crashed in a take-off at Canton, but the occupants escaped with only a shaking up before the plane burst into flame.

The army and Navy announced all 13 passengers and seven crewmen were rescued Tuesday after a C-47 (Douglas) landed at sea off southern Formosa the previous evening. (The first news of the rescue was released at Hong Kong).—Associated Press.

PRISON CAMP TRIALS

Yokohama, Jan. 31.—Ishida Kitaro, whom prisoners of war he is accused of mistreating called "the bull" right to-day in a trial and for the first time three war crime trials are progressing simultaneously in the Yokohama District Court.

Under a rugged non-committed officer who was a guard at the Hirohito Camp near Osaka, was charged with administering "water cures" upon prisoners by forcing water under pressure into their mouths and noses, and other atrocities which the prosecutor termed "sadistic."

Trials are near an end for Captain Taro Fukuhara, who is accused not only of condoning but causing deaths to American prisoners of war, and Hirohito Honda, who is accused of responsibility in atrocities committed by his subordinates in the prison camp's coal mines in the Sendai area.—Associated Press.

Strike Legislation Before Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—THE NEW STRIKE CONTROL BILL YESTERDAY GAINED WIDESPREAD SUPPORT IN CONGRESS AS FURTHER EFFORTS WERE MADE TO EFFECT SETTLEMENT OF THE COUNTRY'S TWO MAJOR LABOUR DISPUTES IN THE STEEL AND AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES.

THE BILL WHICH CALLS FOR A NATIONAL LABOUR-MANAGEMENT MEDIATION BOARD CONTAINS SEVERAL RESTRICTIVE PROVISIONS.

GENERAL STRIKE IN SINGAPORE CALLED OFF

Singapore, Jan. 31.—The General Labour Union yesterday requested its members to return to work to-day saying the walk-out served its purpose, by showing the British Government the "actual strength of the workers."

A Union statement said the treatment by the British Government was "definitely oppressive" and declared if the Government did not change its attitude "the people of Singapore will show greater unity to safeguard our interests and freedom."

SPREADING INFLUENCE

The general strike called by the Malayan Communist Party, which left about 200,000 idle, was reported spreading to Kuala Lumpur and Penang. Police on Tuesday night repelled with gunfire an attack on police headquarters. British officials say the strikers' demands are "absolutely unreasonable," involving subversion of the law.—Associated Press.

KEMPEITAI MAN WANTED

Tokyo, Jan. 31.—Allied Headquarters to-day ordered the Japanese Government to apprehend Warrant Officer Teruhiko Matsumoto, formerly connected with the

Sweat And Blood And Tears

(By Doon Campbell)

CHUNGKING, Jan. 31.—USING MR. CHURCHILL'S CRISIS "PRESCRIPTION": MILLIONS OF CHINESE ARE BLEEDING, SWEATING, TOILING TO BUILD A BRAVE NEW CHINA ON THE RUBBLE AND RUIN AND INCREDIBLE UPHEAVAL OF AN EIGHT-YEAR WAR. CHINA IS SUFFERING ALL THE PAINS OF A NATIONAL RE-BIRTH. THERE IS A MASS AWAKENING FROM THE PROSTRATION OF HARD-WON VICTORY, A REALISTIC FACING UP TO THE ENORMOUS TASK THAT IS THAT AFTERMATH OF BATTLE. THERE ARE SIGNS AND MANIFESTATIONS ALL OVER THE VAST COUNTRY—in the half-acre farms, in the fertile valleys, in the crowded seaboard cities, in the industrialized north.

The spirit of man is reviving, the old is going out to make way for the new. An ancient culture is giving way to the pattern of a practical, modernized civilization. Warlords, bandits and dragons are rapidly receding into a fairy-tale past.

China has all the reconstruction, rehabilitation problems of Europe rolled into one. She has revolutions—social, agricultural, industrial—on her hands. But today China finds herself projected from a backwater of Asiatic isolation to executive membership of the United Nations Organisation. The responsibility China now owes as a major force in the settlement of world differences and disputes, and as a guarantor of peace has not distracted her leaders.

They have an urgent domestic task, which Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek recently warned might threaten the survival of the nation if not tackled quickly and resolutely. Wrenching herself free of the Japanese straight-jacket China is confronted with more fundamental complications. She has neither peace nor unity. There is famine and flood, drought and disease, poverty and economic paralysis, dislocation of essential services and disruption of communications.

MEANINGLESS MONEY. There is an inflationary currency. Markets are flooded with millions of meaningless dollars. There are hundreds of devastated towns and cities, millions of destitute civilians, more uncountable battalions of displaced persons heading home by plane and train, by river steamer and truck, by bus and sampan, by sedan chairs, buns and bicycle. Thousands strive to make the long trek on foot never live to see their little bamboo stanchions. They die of starvation.

NEAR STARVATION. In Honan, two million people get along on starvation rations. Disease and epidemics sweep through the Province. The people still wear summer clothing though the ground is frozen. In Western Honan 200,000 refugees returned to find their homes looted or burned, their household belongings destroyed by the Japanese. Between 80 and 90 per cent of the people in this scorched region are sick, and need of nutritional or medical aid.

The acute shortage of livestock is slowing agricultural rehabilitation. Wheat was not harvested; autumn crops were not planted. New looms are needed to replace the 100,000 that were taken by the enemy. Catholic missionaries are slow to return to the country. Up-to-date statistics are available on the number of victims, but it is estimated that a million are constantly on the border-line of starvation.

More than five million people were in the area flooded in 1938 when the Yellow River dykes were opened to stem the Japanese advance. The flood cut off life and the return of normal agricultural activity may never be removed from north-west Honan until a long stretch of the 2,920-mile Yellow River is returned to its original channel. The homeless, the displaced persons and refugees represent one of the largest relief undertakings because many millions are involved in the mass migration. They gradually they are being eased off the roads.

A vicious, exhilarating life is coming back to China despite the battered shambles war has left so many communities. It was essentially a people's war—the people fought and suffered and died. It is the people—rich and poor, banker and coolie, poet and peasant, scholar and shopkeeper, employer and employed—who are bearing the brunt of it all to-day.

U.N.R.R.A. HELP. The solution of many of China's fundamental problems lies in the agricultural and industrial development of the North-East. It may take five years, it may take ten.

Meanwhile, everywhere there are shortages—food, coal, medical supplies, clothing, transportation, raw materials, skilled technicians, one thing or another.

But the bleak picture is not unrelieved. U.N.R.R.A. is stepping up the tempo of the relief operations. Nearly 250,000 tons of supplies and materials are coming into the country monthly. A network of regional offices has been set up to feed those supplies to the most devastated areas. A supreme economic council has been established to help people rebuild cities, resume foreign trade, improve transportation, streamline government, stabilize currency, raise health standards, the level of living and social conditions.

And Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has given the nation the gift of a new year's resolution: to build a brave new China.

Americans Change Plan For Germany

Washington, Jan. 31.—The dwindling U.S. Army will occupy and administer the American zone of Germany for many months. This became apparent when Secretary of State James Byrnes said the War Department had agreed reluctantly to continue army administration of Germany beyond June 1, the deadline set last October by General Eisenhower.

Byrnes did not explain why the United States changed its plan to shift over from military to civil administration as soon as possible. He indicated he personally believed army administration should continue in Germany until German central administrative agencies are established. Once that was achieved and the agencies operating smoothly, Byrnes said a small American civil administration could assume the job and the army continue with its police role.

As the only possible clue to Governmental change of attitude Byrnes mentioned again France's move on the allied control council in Berlin to prevent the creation of central German administrative agencies.—Associated Press.

Darnley Fears Rise Of New Hitler

London, Jan. 31.—Lord Darnley told the House of Lords yesterday that the dismemberment of Germany to prevent war was inconsistent with the possibilities of atomic warfare, and warned Hitler will "urge the Germans to take revenge for the various things that are taking place to-day."

Deportation of Germans from allied countries, he declared, will only add to possible incentives for Germany to go to war again when an "army of the future may be merely an atomic bomb corps of a few hundred men clad in suits of lead."

Debating on the eviction of Germans from eastern European countries, Lord Jowett, the Labour Government's Lord Chancellor, said that Britain would stick to the Allied decision that Germans must be moved out of Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, back to their homeland.

He said that the "best chance of peace in the future of Europe, is in preventing the continuance for the various things that are taking place to-day."

—Associated Press.

Atom Bomb Victims: Post-Mortem Findings

Washington, Jan. 31.—Post-mortem studies of Japanese killed by atomic bombs have been undertaken by military scientists here in an effort to learn more about the effects of atomic energy on the human body.

One object is to determine whether specific antidotes can be provided for injuries sustained by victims.

This is earned from members of the Army and Navy Technical Commissions who brought specimens from the bodies of more than 100 Japanese of all ages, groups, killed or fatally injured at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The Commissions also brought back hundreds of blood specimens and other clinical records of persons who incurred non-fatal injuries.

They have extensive records based on questionnaires submitted from some 13,000 Japanese who were in or near bombed areas and who escaped or recovered.

Director of the Army Institute of Pathology, Colonel J. E. Ash, said: "We want to find out what effect radiant energy from the atomic bomb has on the body tissue. We will probably find that radiant energy has a more serious effect on blood-forming tissues—especially the bone marrow."—Associated Press.

Halphong Crisis

Manila, Jan. 31.—Five Dominican monks were shot and killed at Halphong, Indo-China, this week by Viet Minh partisans, French Consul-General Gaston Willquet reported here. He said advisers reaching him through private channels indicated the situation at Halphong is "getting out of control and the food situation is rapidly deteriorating."—Associated Press.

JAPS DO NOT EASILY SURRENDER

London, Jan. 31.—The danger of the Japanese taking up some "pseudo-democracy" incorporating strong totalitarian elements, is expressed by a correspondent writing on the subject in the "Times" to-day.

The correspondent suggests that to this danger, "the only answer would seem to be a long and constructive Allied occupation during which steps would be taken in Germany to segregate undesirable persons and to introduce thorough-going reforms in all schools."

The Emperor's recent repudiation of the doctrine of the unity of Government and Shinto rites—cornerstone of Japanese society and education for over 60 years—has, the correspondent adds, done much to destroy the ideological foundations of the Japanese military command but he points out that "the militarists do not constitute the sole totalitarian element in modern Japan."

"The ruling classes while making apparent concessions do not easily surrender any of their power."—Reuter.

Anti-Fascist Groups In Germany

Berlin, Jan. 31.—Three-thousand members of four post-war anti-Fascist democratic parties holding a mass meeting on the anniversary of Hitler's seizure of power in 1933 yesterday asked allied powers for permission to set up a central government in Germany.

They also urged all Germans to stick together for "democracy, anti-militarism and co-operation with all nations."

The meeting was held in the Soviet-controlled Berlin sector but he assailed the monarchist movement in Bavaria and Hanoverians who favour the restoration of the old dynasty.

William Kuehl, chairman of Liberal Democrats, sought early establishment of a central government.—Associated Press.

Battle Over Loan To Britain

Washington, Jan. 31.—Ratification of the United States loan to Britain appears to be headed for a long and bitter Congressional battle and a hold-up by delaying tactics which already are preventing the Senate from beginning its study of the loan.

A canvass of House and Senate opinion indicates that the loan will be endorsed by an adequate majority although some Congressmen fear that attempts may be made to make the loan conditional on such riders as authorization for unlimited Jewish immigration in Palestine.

President Truman, in his message to Congress yesterday, hoped that Congress would implement the financial agreement as speedily as would be consistent with careful legislative consideration, declaring that "Britain needs this credit and she needs it now."

He said that the agreement would set a course of Anglo-American economic relations for many years and in so doing would have a decisive influence on international trade.—Reuter.

SPANISH INCIDENT

Madrid, Jan. 31.—Three were killed and another captured by coast guards when 24 men attempted to land on the north Spanish Atlantic coast yesterday. It is learned to-day.

Of four men, stated to have been armed, who succeeded in landing near the village of Lastrera, one was killed by guards and one captured. The other two who fled to the mountains were killed to-day, trying to avoid capture.—Reuter.

ANGLO-EGYPTIAN TREATY

London, Jan. 31.—Britain's new treaty with Egypt, the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, has been signed by the British Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden, and the Egyptian Prime Minister, Mahmoud el-Nahhas, in Cairo.

DIVINE MIKADO UNSHAKABLE?

TOKYO, Jan. 31.—WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE EMPEROR IS ONE OF THE MOST TICKLISH PROBLEMS-FACING THE ALLIES IN JAPAN BECAUSE THE MASSES STILL CLING TO THE BELIEF THAT HE IS DIVINE DESPITE HIS DENIAL, TOMAS CONFESOR, CHIEF PHILIPPINE DELEGATE TO THE FAR EASTERN COMMISSION DECLARED TO-DAY.

PEASANTS AND SCHOOLTEACHERS LIKE REMAIN UNSHAKEN IN THEIR BELIEF. "I ASKED A PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR WHAT HE THOUGHT OF THE EMPEROR'S NEW YEAR RESCRIPT DENYING HIS DIVINITY AND HE TOLD ME: 'THAT SHOWS THE GENEROSITY OF THE EMPEROR. WE ARE VERY THANKFUL.'"

Confesor said the interview left him convinced that the masses feel the Emperor issued his rescript only to make the occupation easier for them and that his divinity really is not changed.

The Philippines delegate said he has great hopes that the men of Japan will work the change in the nation if they take advantage of their new opportunity to "be liberated from servility to men and take an active part in shaping affairs so democracy will thrive."

SHOULD BE PENALISED. He declared that his survey with the Commission made him optimistic that Japan will become a peace-loving nation but that "this doesn't mean the we should not impose a penalty for what it has done in driving the Pacific into war."

Asked what the Philippines expected in the way of reparations, Confesor, who was the leader of the Panay resistance forces during the war, said his country particularly was anxious to get from Japan railroad rails and rolling stock, including engines, cement factories, dry-docking facilities and shipyards.

As to Japanese future relations with the Philippines he expressed doubts that his country, so badly hit by Japan, would welcome Japanese goods in the next decade except as reparations.—Associated Press.

Navies Are Finished!

New York, Jan. 31.—Maj. Alexander de Seversky, widely known champion of air power in war, declares that navies are finished as a prime war factor.

The major, in an article in the magazine "American Mercury," says even the aircraft carrier, around which it had been advocated that the United States Navy be built, is obsolete. He contends the aircraft carrier will not restore navies to combat usefulness, since they provide a floating base which is ineffective and exorbitantly costly.

He argues that land-based aircraft are the real weapons of war. He contends, in discussing the Pacific war, that "from the outset, the navy's traditional job of assuming command of the seas was taken over, by air power. Our surface fleets could move freely only within the orbit of our air control. It was when long-range air power was thrown into the fray that the tide of war turned in our favour."—Associated Press.

Five Bob A Week For Babies

London, Jan. 31.—Tuesday, August 6, and every Tuesday afterwards will be "family allowance day" for two and a half million mothers of four and a half million children.

They will collect five shillings weekly for every child they have apart from the first born. This will cost sixty million pounds yearly and regulations are being presented to Parliament by the Minister of National Insurance specifying how and to whom payments will be made.

The Act makes it a condition of the right to allowances for a family that the husband is a British subject, whose place of birth is in the United Kingdom and where the claim is not from a married couple living together that the claimant is a British subject, whose place of birth is in the United Kingdom. Merchant seamen and members of the British forces will always be treated as though of residence in the United Kingdom.—Reuter.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1st 1946.
FORCES REQUEST HOUR
ZBW HONGKONG broadcasting on a frequency of 640 Kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.40 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. and 8.30 to 11.00 p.m. also on 9.55 Magyrola.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—Waltzes and Tangos.
12.45 p.m.—Romance and Rhythm.—BNBA.

1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—Orchestra Raymonds.
1.30 p.m.—Waltzes, Fantasies on Melodies of Johann Strauss.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.30 p.m.—Hall An Hour of Dance Music.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
7.15 p.m.—The Melody Lingers On.—BNBA.
7.30 p.m.—Studio—Antonio Guterres (Tango), with Rev. A. Egan at the Piano.

8.00 p.m.—Forces Request Hour.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
9.00 p.m.—Services Music Hall.—BNBA.
9.35 p.m.—Artie Shaw and His Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—Patricia Romborough at the Piano.
10.15 p.m.—Frank Laferre Memories.
10.45 p.m.—Military Band Music.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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